

Worksheet

Brushtail Possums

(In answering this sheet, refer to the Brushtail Possum Species Sheet and Issues Sheet No. 8 – also see our website for additional information on wildlife in urban areas)

1. Where do Brushtail Possums like to sleep?

2. What type of food do Brushtail Possums eat? List some examples.

3. What are some of the threats Brushtail Possums face from humans?

4. Possums can be a bit pesky in the home garden and on farms. What are some of the things that can be done to keep possums out of gardens and fruit trees, without hurting the possum?

5. Tree hollows are becoming rare. If you live in an urban area, sketch a nest box design for a possum. If you live in the country, you might like to think about nest boxes for other species too. Different sized boxes with different sized holes are suitable for a number of species of birds and mammals.